improve operational efficiency and profitability of its hotels through various commercial efforts which *inter-alia* include product improvement, man-power training, marketing and reservation tie-ups, advertising etc.

[English]

District flight from Delhi to Rajkot

3052. SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for direct flight from Delhi to Rajkot; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Conversion of Automatic Exchanges in Jamnagar, Gujarat

3053. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to convert Automatic Exchanges in various Cities and Towns in Jamnagar, Gujarat; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to come into existence?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Steps taken to convert manual exchanges into automatic exchanges are as under:

(i) Exchanges equipment have been allotted.

(ii) Purchase orders have been placed.

(iii) Project estimates have been sanctioned.

(iv) Buildings to accommodate these exchanges are being arranged.

(b) These exchanges are planned to be converted into automatic exchanges by 1994.

Assistance to Food Processing Industries in Coastal Area of Maharashtra

3054. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to encourage fruit processing industries for exports in coastal areas of Maharashtra;

(b) whether any assistance is provided to make packaging and bottling attractive and competitive in this industry;

(c) whether any provision of training has been made to process mango, cashew jack fruit, jamun, coconut, pineapple etc. for the youth of Kon-kon region;

(d) whether any concession and facilities have been provided for the cooperative sector engaged in the food processing industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Incentives provided for 100% Export Oriented fruits and vegetable processing Units can be availed by such units located in